



Important Information Regarding Money Market Mutual Funds

Effective October 14, 2016, the SEC requires all non-government money market mutual funds that operate at a Net Asset Value of \$1.00 per share to adopt a “liquidity fees and redemption gates” regime. The regulation permits the board of directors of these non-government money market mutual funds to implement fees or gates if they determine it is in the best interest of shareholders to do so, with the intent of protecting shareholders’ value in the fund if heavy redemption activity occurs during periods of market stress.

A liquidity fee is a fee (up to a maximum of 2%) on redemptions, and a gate is a restriction on any redemption from a fund (up to a maximum of 10 business days). In the event a fee or gate is implemented by a fund’s board, Pershing will be required to take steps to implement protocols to comply.

If a fee was implemented pursuant to the regulation, it would result in a fee being charged for any redemption processed from that money market mutual fund. If a gate were implemented, it would mean the balance held in that fund would not be available to redeem until the expiration of the redemption gate period. It is important to note that both fees and gates may apply to money market funds available as a part of the sweep program during periods of market stress. In addition, while the regulation does not mandate these requirements for government funds, government funds may voluntarily impose fees and gates in times of stress, if permissible under the fund’s prospectus and if determined by the board to be in the best interest of shareholders. Some issuers have elected to restrict the use of liquidity fees and redemption gates in their government funds and have updated fund prospectuses accordingly. Carefully review the prospectus of a specific money market mutual fund prior to any purchase for additional information.

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